

**Rule 6. Scheduling Order****6.01 Purpose**

The purpose of this rule is to provide a uniform system for scheduling matters for trial and disposition and for achieving permanency within the timelines set forth in these rules.

**6.02 Order**

**Subdivision 1. When Issued.** The court shall issue a scheduling order at the admit/deny hearing held pursuant to Rule 34 or within fifteen (15) days of the admit/deny hearing.

**Subd. 2. Contents of Order.** The scheduling order shall establish a deadline or specific date for:

- (a) completion of discovery and other pretrial preparation;
- (b) serving, filing, or hearing motions;
- (c) submission of the proposed case plan;
- (d) the pretrial conference;
- (e) the trial;
- (f) the disposition hearing;
- (g) the permanency placement determination hearing; and
- (h) any other events deemed necessary or appropriate.

(Amended effective August 1, 2009.)

***1999 Advisory Committee Comment***

*Rule 6.02 does not require the court to actually calendar time for any of the events described in the order. Rather, the court may simply set deadlines without establishing a date certain. For example, without setting a specific date the court may order that discovery must be completed at least ten days prior to trial.*

**6.03 Amendment**

The court may amend a scheduling order as necessary, so long as the permanency timelines set forth in these rules are not delayed.